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FOR : ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SABBAGH, ISA)

SUBJ: TDY WASHINGTON FOR ISA SABBAGH

REF : STATE 132190

1. ISA SABBAGH IS NOW MAKING TELEVISION PROGRAMS FOR
USIA IN BEIRUT. HE DOES NOT PLAN TO COME BACK TO JIDDA
BEFORE HOME LEAVE. HIS CURRENT PLANS ARE TO LEAVE
BEIRUT JUNE 12 FOR STOCKHOLM AND TOUR OF SCANDANAVIAN
ARCTIC. HE WOULD LEAVE STOCKHOLM JUNE 24 FOR
LONDON AND LEAVE LONDON FOR WASHINGTON JUNE 30.

2. I KNOW SECRETARY'S REGARD FOR ISA, WHICH I SHARE FULLY,
BUT ALSO HOPE HE COULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE HIS LEAVE.
I CANNOT, OF COURSE, SPEAK FOR HIM AND SUGGEST YOU
TELEGRAPH OR PHONE HIM DIRECTLY IN BEIRUT.

3. I HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY NOW, HAS FOUND A GOOD
ARABIC-ENGLISH, ENGLISH-ARABIC TRANSLATOR TO REPLACE
NOWFAL. THERE MUST BE SOMEONE IN THE STATES IN THE FIELD
WHO IS BOTH COMPETENT AND HONEST.
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